

Electronic reporting of political contributions and expenditures

HB 999 by Madden, et al. (Ellis)

DIGEST:	HB 999 would have repealed the exemption that allows candidates, officeholders, and political committees to file campaign finance reports in written form rather than by electronic transfer because they do not use a computer to track their records of political contributions, expenditures, or contributions.
GOVERNOR'S REASON FOR VETO:	"The author of House Bill No. 999 requested that this bill be vetoed because it conflicts with House Bill No. 1606 [by Wolens], which requires political candidates and officeholders to file reports electronically as part of a major effort to strengthen the state's ethics laws. I have signed House Bill No. 1606."
RESPONSE:	<p>Rep. Jerry Madden, author of HB 999, said: "I asked the governor to veto HB 999 since HB 1606 effectively eliminates the computer exemption from electronic filing requirements. After being on the ethics reform bill conference committee, I did not want duplicative and conflicting statutory provisions to muddy the waters on that more precise and comprehensive work."</p> <p>Sen. Rodney Ellis, the Senate sponsor, said: "I have no problem with the veto because the important elements were wrapped into HB 1606."</p>
NOTES:	HB 999 was analyzed in the March 24 <i>Daily Floor Report</i> . HB 1606 was analyzed in Part One of the May 5 <i>Daily Floor Report</i> .